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Dear Public:

Dulles, Undersecretary Smith Split on Iron Country Program

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Dear Public: You should know there is a big and far-reaching split in the Ike setup over the program behind the Iron Curtain.

It concerns mainly a battle in policy between Secy. of State John Foster Dulles and Undersecretary of State Walter Bedell Smith, former head of Central Intelligence Agency.

Dulles stands for a dynamic liberation campaign. General Smith believes in the Titoism school whereby the Soviet stooge regions are to be encouraged to break away from the Moscow brand of Communism.

CLARIFY PLANS——

To make the distinction a bit clearer:

The Dulles blueprint calls for fighting directly against the Communist ideology through aid to resistance and underground groups back of the Iron Curtain.

Backers of the Smith agenda argue that the Communist form of government in each Russian satellite state can be ignored as long as it can be worked upon to break its ties with Moscow, ala the Red regime of Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia.

The current major objective is to Tito-ize Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Red leader.

A tricky aspect of the situation is that Allen Dulles, brother of the Secretary of State, is now the hushimo of CIA where General Smith still wields considerable influence.

IKE SILENT——

President Eisenhower, to date, has not given the nod to either camp.

Laos, tiny and erstwhile happy-go-lucky kingdom in south-west Asia, might seem to you like the name of a soap. In the same way, Sarajevo, where the Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand was assassinated to start World War I, must have sounded to Americans like the name of a patent medicine.

So today you may wonder why there is so much grim trading and quibbling and fighting over whether a few thousand captured Chinese Communists, or North Koreans are to be turned over in any armistice deal.

The BIG GIMMICK is that in the event we go to war with Russia we expect to do wholesale business in attracting deserters from the Soviet fighting forces.

If the United States now returns those enemy POWs in Korea to totalitarian enslavement against their wishes, it is feared that Ivan, the Russian GI in the next war, will remember and fight to the last ditch regardless of his hatred of the Red regime.

The twist in our psychological war, illustrated by the offer of a reward by General Clark of \$100,000 for the first Russian MIG-15 flown over to our lines by a Chinese Red or Russian pilot, is just the beginning. Get ready for a series of big SURPRISES along this line.

CHURCHILL BID——

Incidentally, the Clark \$100,000 reward offer was borrowed from a similar suggestion by Prime Minister Churchill to be applied in the European field and was O.K.'d by the White

The White House also knew what General MacArthur had written Sen. Harry Byrd. The General suggested that the threat of atom bombing Red China be used to button up the Korean truce negotiations and perhaps the entire cold war with the U.S.S.R.

This was another good psychological warfare touch and Ike had no objection to Mac's letter being widely publicized.

Don't forget Senator Byrd and the President are close enough for Ike to worship in the same church in Alexandria with the Virginia Democrat.

The Romanesque shadow of General MacArthur still hovers importantly over Washington events. He had much to do, indirectly, with the Eisenhower proposal to reorganize the Defense Department, putting control in civilian hands and lessening the power of the joint chiefs of staff.

Ike was purportedly shocked on learning the political "yes men" records of the majority of the chiefs of staff during the Truman Administration.

There was the sorry history of Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs, going down the line in the Acheson-Truman persecution of MacArthur.

Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg as air force chief, had a special strike against him for insisting we could not go all out bombing in the Korean war, as MacArthur recommended, because we needed the Air Force at home—in case.

The handsome Vandenberg, who has just resigned his post, is not at all happy at being replaced by General Twining, a forthright MacArthur man.

MAY TESTIFY——

Vandenberg may, therefore, need the pleas of certain Democratic Senators that he testify before the armed services committees on the hill that Ike is hamstringing the Air Force with his economy cuts.

Army Chief of Staff J. Lawton Collins shares the blame with Bradley for yesterday's ammunition shortage in Korea.

Only the late Amd. Forrest P. Sherman, of the joint chiefs, gave a supporting word from General MacArthur.

The Navy is expected to get the chairmanship of the joint chiefs after Bradley retires in August.

Adm. Arthur W. Radford, who is guarding Formosa and, along with General Twining, thinks mighty like a MacArthur, is the probable new JC chairman. Ike calls him "Raddy."

You can forget all the guff about the military running things today like the old clique in Russia.

You have to admit this country is George when we elect a general who starts putting the hands of the civilian top-side.

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